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REMARKS

Enclosed for the Examiner's information, is a WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY for the corresponding PCT application. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 and 21-24 existing in this application are in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth in the enclosed WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

To advance prosecution, claims 10-14 have been combined into a single claim and amended to further define the present invention. It should be appreciated that the structure of claim 10, as amended, achieves high, low and impeded flow with 90° rotation of the ball which is able to be easily activated with a linear cable mechanism. This is not the case for valves approaching or exceeding 180° of rotation.

Early and favorable consideration and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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